

£50 for each child and young person whose home was affected by the floods

Cumbria Community Foundation's Grants Committee will award £50 to every child and young person under the age of 18 whose home has been affected by the November floods.

Families that have received a Recovery Fund grant have already been sent another cheque for the children and young people.

Lynn from Barepot told us "We had money put aside for Christmas but we have had to use it to replace things we lost in the flood. Our youngest is seven months old. Having this extra cash means we can still make her first Christmas a special one."

The Community Foundation is in the process of writing to every property that has been affected by the recent floods telling them about the Recovery Fund and the additional funding for children and young people.

Donations from the public to the latest Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund have exceeded the money that was raised after the floods in 2005. To reflect this the Community Foundation's Grants Committee has increased the maximum initial grant to £2,000. People who continue to experience financial difficulties are able to apply again.

"So far about five families have had to come back for further support. One family needed help with the deposit for their new rented accommodation and another was struggling to pay the rent, which is much higher than what they paid before the flood." said David Andrews, Grants Officer.

To apply for a grant from the Flood Recovery Fund visit www.cumbriafoundation.org or phone 01900 825760.

The public have been so generous to the Cumbria Flood Recovery Fund that it now totals almost £1.5 million.